

REMARKS

This paper is submitted to be a complete response to the Notice of Allowability mailed January 8, 2004. Claims 1-30 have been allowed.

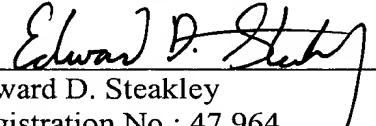
Claim 14 has been amended to change the phrase "feedback positioning device" to -- linear encoder --. No new matter is added by the amendment. The amendment is to correct a formal matter in the claim without changing the scope thereof. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above-indicated amendment prior to issuance of the present application as a U.S. Patent.

Applicant submits that in light of the foregoing remarks, the present case is in condition for issue, and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicant's representative is earnestly solicited.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P02306US0 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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